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✓U	6,248,117	06/19/01	Blatter			
	6,193,734	02/27/01	Bolduc, et al.			
	6,193,129	02/27/01	Bittner, et al.			
	6,187,019	02/13/01	Stefanchik, et al.			
	6,176,413	01/23/01	Heck, et al.			
	6,117,148	09/12/00	Ravo, et al.			
	6,083,234	07/04/00	Nicholas, et al.			
	6,071,289	06/06/00	Stefanchik, et al.			
	6,066,148	05/23/00	Rygaard			
	6,066,144	05/23/00	Wolf, et al.			
	6,053,390	04/25/00	Green, et al.			
	6,050,472	04/18/00	Shibata			
	6,036,700	03/14/00	Stefanchik, et al.			
	6,024,748	02/15/00	Manzo, et al.			
	6,015,416	01/18/00	Stefanchik, et al.			
	5,993,464	11/30/99	Knodel			
	5,944,730	08/31/99	Nobles et al.			
	5,921,995	07/13/99	Kleshinski			
✓	5,915,616	06/29/99	Viola, et al.			

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✓U	2 316 910	07/9/76	France				
✓	WO/98/00605	01/08/98	International				

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	5,865,730	02/02/99	Fox, et al.			
	5,833,698	11/10/98	Hinchliffe, et al.			
	5,817,113	10/06/98	Gifford III et al.			
	5,799,857	09/01/98	Robertson, et al.			
	5,709,693	01/20/98	Taylor			
	5,707,380	01/13/98	Hinchliffe et al.			
	5,707,362	01/13/98	Yoon			
	5,702,412	12/30/97	Popov et al.			
	5,695,504	12/09/97	Gifford III et al.			
	5,693,088	12/02/97	Lazarus			
	5,676,670	10/14/97	Kim			
	5,669,918	09/23/97	Balazs et al.			
	5,643,340	07/01/97	Nunokawa			
	5,632,433	05/27/97	Grant, et al.			
	5,609,285	03/11/97	Grant, et al.			
	5,571,167	11/05/96	Maginot			
	5,558,667	09/24/96	Yarborough et al.			
	5,533,661	07/09/96	Main, et al.			
	5,522,834	06/04/96	Fonger et al.			
▼	5,478,354	12/26/95	Tovey et al.			

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	5,464,449	11/07/95	Ryan et al.				
	5,456,714	10/10/95	Owen				
	5,456,712	10/10/95	Maginot				
	5,454,825	10/03/95	Van Leeuwen				
	5,447,514	09/05/95	Gerry, et al.				
	5,443,497	08/22/95	Venbrux				
	5,395,030	03/07/95	Kuramoto, et al.				
	5,392,979	02/28/95	Green, et al.				
	5,366,462	11/22/94	Kaster et al.				
	5,350,104	09/27/94	Main, et al.				
	5,336,233	08/09/94	Chen				
	5,333,773	08/02/94	Main, et al.				
	5,314,468	05/24/94	Ramos Martinez				
	5,314,435	05/24/94	Green, et al.				
	5,304,220	04/19/94	Maginot				
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	WO00/59380	10/12/00	PCT				
	197 32 234A	01/28/99	Germany				
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	5,275,322	01/04/94	Brinkerhoff, et al.			
	5,271,544	12/21/93	Fox, et al.			
	5,234,447	08/10/93	Kaster, et al.			
	5,211,683	05/18/93	Maginot			
	5,205,459	04/27/93	Brinkerhoff, et al.			
	5,193,731	03/16/93	Aranyi			
	5,178,634	01/12/93	Ramos Martinez			
	5,156,619	10/09/92	Ehrenfeld			
	5,119,983	06/09/92	Green et al.			
	5,104,025	04/14/92	Main, et al.			
	5,062,842	11/05/91	Tiffany			
	5,005,749	04/09/91	Aranyi			
	4,930,674	06/05/90	Barak			
	4,917,091	04/17/90	Berggren, et al.			
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	0 820 725	01/28/98	EP			
	0 990 420	04/05/00	EP			
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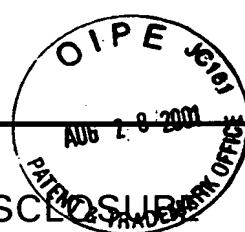
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<i>✓</i>	4,907,591	03/13/90	Vasconcellos, et al.			
	4,773,420	09/27/88	Green			
	4,747,407	05/31/88	Liu, et al.			
	4,752,024	08/05/86	Conta, et al.			
	4,665,906	05/19/87	Jervis			
	4,657,019	04/14/87	Walsh, et al.			
	4,624,257	11/25/86	Berggren, et al.			
	4,624,255	11/25/86	Schenck, et al.			
	4,607,637	08/26/86	Berggren, et al.			
	4,603,693	08/05/86	Conta, et al.			
	4,593,693	06/10/86	Schenck			
	4,553,542	11/19/85	Schenck, et al.			
	4,523,592	06/28/85	Daniel			
	4,503,568	03/12/85	Madras			
	4,368,736	01/18/83	Kaster			
	4,366,819	01/04/83	Kaster			
	4,352,358	10/05/82	Angelchik			
	4,350,160	09/21/82	Kolesov et al.			
	4,214,587	07/29/80	Sakura, Jr.			
<i>✓</i>	3,774,615	11/27/73	Lim et al.			
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	3,254,651	06/07/66	Collito			
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	4,733,665	03/29/88	Palmaz			
	4,739,762	04/26/88	Palmaz			
	4,740,207	04/26/88	Kreamer			
	4,776,337	10/11/88	Palmaz			
	4,787,899	11/29/88	Lazarus			
	4,795,458	01/03/89	Regan			
	4,872,874	10/10/89	Taheri			
	4,879,135	11/07/89	Greco et al.			
	4,938,740	07/03/90	Melbin			
	4,950,238	08/21/90	Sullivan			
	4,954,126	09/04/90	Wallstén			
	4,969,896	11/13/90	Shors			
	4,994,071	02/19/91	MacGregor			
	5,007,926	04/16/91	Derbyshire			
	5,036,868	08/06/91	Berggren et al.			
	5,059,211	10/22/91	Stack et al.			
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